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U. S. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At a meetiug of the Executive Committee of the UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, held in the City of Washington, in February last, it was resolved that the Society would hold no Exhibition in any State having a State Agricultural Society, without the assent of the Officers, or of the Executive Committee of such Society.

The citizens of SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, having requested this Society to hold an Exhibition of CATTLE, at that place, during the current year, and generously subscribed about *ten thousand dollars* to defray all the expenses of the same, and to guarantee the Society against loss; and the Executive Committee of the Ohio Agricultural Society uniting in the request, the Executive Committee of this Society have concluded to hold a NATIONAL SHOW OF CATTLE, open to general competition, without sectional limit, on the 25th, 26th, and 27th days of OCTOBER next, at SPRINGFIELD, in the State of Ohio; to which members of the U. S. Agricultural Society will be admitted free of charge.

The friends of Agriculture in all the States of the American Union, and in the neighboring provinces of Canada, are invited to co-operate with us, so that this Exhibition may be the more extensively useful, and be alike creditable to the generous citizens of Springfield, with whom it origi-

nated—to the Contributors and Visitors, who sustain it—and to the United States Agricultural Society, who are so deeply interested in its success.

In consequence of the holding of this Show of Cattle, the contemplated Exhibition of Horses, at Springfield, Mass., and the Show of Sheep, in Vermont, will be omitted.

The Journal of the Society, which the Executive Committee have concluded to issue once in each year—four numbers in one—will appear in January next; and will contain the Transactions of the Society at its last Annual Meeting, the Lectures and Addresses delivered at that time, a full and faithful account of the Springfield Show, with other valuable papers, by eminent members. This volume will be forwarded to all Members who have paid their annual assessments for the year 1854.

MARSHALL P. WILDER, President.

WILLIAM S. KING, Secretary.

Boston, August, 1854.

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OF THE

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Ayrshires,	J. M. BENSON, Springfield.
Jerseys,	E. SWOPE, Springfield,
All other classes,	GEORGE WATSON, Harmony.

RULES, INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION.

The Fair Grounds will be ready for the reception of stock on and after October 20th, and must be entered with the Secretary, before 10 o'clock, A. M., of Wednesday, the 25th : and all persons intending to exhibit, are requested to notify the Local Executive Committee, on or before the 15th of October, that full arrangements may be made, in time, for their accommodation.

The gates will be opened for the admission of the public on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the 25th, 26th, and 27th, from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M. of each day.

Stock will be marked with cards furnished by the Secretary, designating the class and No. of entry ; and Judges will report by such numbers and classes ; and during the exhibition, stock must be placed entirely under the management of the Officers of the Society.

Premiums will not be paid on animals removed from the exhibition, unless such removal has the special approval of the Local Executive Committee.

Premiums not claimed within thirty days after the award will be considered as forfeited.

The charges for admission to the grounds will be as follows :	$ C.
Tickets for each day (admitting one person).....	50
Season Tickets (for the whole Fair).....	1 00
The Entrance Fees for stock will be	
For competition for the Sweepstake Premium,.....10	00
" " for Premiums of $200 and over,..... 8	00
" " for Premiums of $100 and under $200,..... 5	00
" " for Premiums under $100,..... 3	00

The Judges are requested to report themselves on their arrival to the Secretary, at the business office on the show grounds.

They are desired to meet at the office at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, October 25th, when vacancies will be filled, and the books of entry be presented ; they will then proceed to decide upon the merits of the different animals submitted to them, reference being made to the numbers affixed to each.

The Judges will report, not only the animals entitled to premiums, but also those next in merit, in each class, to meet the contingency of any objection which may arise to the awards. Any animal which, in the opinion of the Judges, deserve a special commendation, will be so reported to the Local Executive Committee.

The Judges will have regard to the symmetry, early maturity, size and general characteristics of the several breeds; they will make proper allowance for age, feeding, and other circumstances on the character and condition of the animal. *They are expressly required not to give encouragement to over-fed animals* in the breeding classes.

The Judges, if not satisfied as to the regularity of the entries in their respective classes, will apply to the Secretary for information; and should there be any doubt, after examination, of their coming within the regulations, or if any animal is of such a character as not to be entitled to exhibition in competition, they will report the facts to the Secretary, for the consideration of the Executive Committee, that such course may be adopted as the case may require.

No person who is an exhibitor can act as a judge on the class in which he exhibits. And during the examinations of the Judges, if any person interfere with them, by letter or otherwise, they will be excluded from the competition.

Judges are requested to hand in their reports on Thursday evening.

The Superintendents are required to take particular directions of all animals in their respective departments, and see that they are all arranged, as near as may be, in numerical order, for easy approach and examination.

A Superintendent will accompany each set of Judges, point out the different animals to be exhibited—will attach prize cards or flags to the successful animals after they shall be notified of the same by the Secretary on the morning of Friday. They will also see that the animals are suitably arranged for the exhibition of each day and the procession of Friday.

It is expected they will give the reasons for their decisions, embracing the valuable and desirable qualities of the animals upon which the premiums are awarded. One great object of the Society is to collect valuable information upon the subject matter of the exhibition, the several committees are requested to gather all the information possible from exhibitors in their classes, and make their reports as full as time and circumstances will permit.

Committees shall not award any Discretionary Premiums without the previous permission of the Local Executive Committee, expressly given through the Secretary.

When there is but one exhibitor, although he may show several animals

in the same class and order, only one premium will be awarded; that to be first or otherwise, as the merits of the animal may be adjudged.

The Committee on Milk Cows will require a statement to show that the cow has been kept on grass only, during the experiment, and for fifteen days previous to each period of trial.

The time of trial from 10th to 20th of June, and from 10th to 20th of August.

Statement to be furnished containing

1st. The age, weight and breed of cow, and time of calving.

2d. The quantity of milk in weight, and also of butter, during each period of ten days.

3d. The butter made to be exhibited with the cow, at the Fair, and the statement to be verified by the affidavit of competitor and one other person conversant with the facts.

The awards of premiums will be read by the Chairmen of the respective Committees on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock. The Premium Flags will then be distributed to successful competitors, and the grand procession of all the animals on the ground will be formed.

The Reports of Judges will be published in the Journal of the U. S. Agricultural Society.

The Treasurer will pay premiums at the business office, on the ground, during the day, and on Saturday at the Rooms of the Clark County Agricultural Society.

For any exhibitors who may wish to dispose of their stock, the services of an auctioneer will be secured and the use of the grounds given for Saturday, 10 o'clock, A. M., and the Secretary will give notice of such sale by entry being made with him in time so to do.

Extra trains will be placed upon the several rail roads to and from the neighboring towns to convey passengers who wish to obtain lodging elsewhere. Accommodations can be furnished to large numbers of persons in Columbus at the Neil House, $2 per day; American $1.50; Capitol House $1.50; United States, $1.25; and Buckeye $1.00; in Dayton, at the Phillips House and Phœnix Hotel $1.50; Swaney's $1.25; Montgomery and others $1.00; in Xenia and Urbana and other smaller towns, lodging and breakfast furnished for seventy-five cents.

Hotels in Springfield will charge from one dollar to one dollar and a half per day. Private houses will also be open for the reception of guests. The Committee of reception will be in waiting in the Agricultural Rooms, on Main street, over the store of W. S. Field, who will furnish any further information that may be desired.

The rail roads hereinafter mentioned will convey passengers and transport stock on the following conditions: excursion tickets half the usual rates. Stock for exhibition at the show will be transported free of charge,

under the following regulations: the regular rates of freight to be paid on such stock, going; and on certificate of the Secretary of the show, that the animals were exhibited and have not been sold or exchanged, the money paid for transportation to be refunded, and they returned free to the point from which they started."

Little Miami and Xenia Rail Road.
Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Rail Road.
Sandusky, Mansfield and Newark Rail Road.
Zanesville, Wilmington and Cincinnati Rail Road.
Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Rail Road.
Central Ohio Rail Road.
Bellefontaine and Indianapolis Rail Road.
Cincinnati, Zanesville and Cleveland Rail Road.
Ohio and Mississippi Rail Road.
Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana Rail Road.
Springfield, Mt. Vernon and Pittsburgh Rail Road,
New York Central Rail Road.
Pennsylvania Central Rail Road.
Madison, Indianapolis and Peru Rail Road.

The Mad River and Lake Erie, the Cleveland and Pittsburgh, the Ohio and Pennsylvania, the Ohio and Indiana, and other Roads will carry passengers and cattle at half the usual rates.

Visitors should be careful to procure excursion tickets on the several Rail Roads, and have them stamped by the Secretary of the Show, in order to make them available, on their return, for half price.

On Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, there will be a GRAND AGRICULTURAL BANQUET to be held on the grounds, where it is expected many distinguished guests will be present from the different sections of the country, who will make speeches on the occasion. It is anticipated that this will be one of the most interesting and imposing parts of the exhibition. Ladies as well as gentlemen are expected to partake in the festivities.

COMMITTEES AND PREMIUMS.

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PREMIUM.

For the best bull and five cows or heifers, of one year and upwards from any one herd,.....$500

DURHAM BULLS.*

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* A larger amount is offered in premiums in this class because of the greater capital represented by the Durhams, and not to indicate any opinion as to the relative value of the breed as compared with any other.

PREMIUMS.

Best 3 year old and upwards,	300
Second best 3 year old and upwards,	200
Third best 3 year old and upwards,	100
Best 2 year old and under 3 years,	200
Second best 2 year old and under 3 years,	150
Third best 2 year old and under 3 years,	75
Best 1 year old and under 2 years,	150
Second best 1 year old and under 2 years,	100

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WOODSON THRASHER, Fairville, Ind.
JAS. N. BROWN, Berlin, Ill.
A. Y. MOORE, Schoolcraft, Mich.

PREMIUMS.

Best 3 year old and upwards,	$200
Second best 3 year old and upwards,	150
Third best 3 year old and upwards,	100
Best 2 year old and under 3 years,	150
Second best 2 year old and under 3 years,	100
Third best 2 year old and under 3 years,	50
Best one year old and under 2 years,	100
Second best 1 year old and under 2 years,	75

DEVONS.

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CALVIN FLETCHER, Indianapolis, Ind.
GEORGE C. POMEROY, Detroit, Mich.
CHARLES HUNT, Windsor, C. W.

PREMIUMS.

Bulls.

Best 3 year old and upwards,.....$100
Second best 3 year old and upwards,.....75
Best 2 year old and under 3 years,.....80
Second best 2 year old and under 3 years,.....60
Best 1 year old and under 2 years,.....55

Cows.

Best 3 year old and upwards,..... 100
Second best 3 year old and upwards,..... 75
Best 2 year old and under 3 years,..... 75
Second best 2 year old and under 3 years,..... 50
Best 1 year old and under 2 years,..... 60

HEREFORDS.

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W. H. SMITH, Plainfield, Ind.
N. B. CLAPP, Kenosha, Wis.
H. PARSONS, Guelph, C. W.

PREMIUMS.

Bulls.

Best 3 year old and upwards,..... 100
Second best 3 year old and upwards,..... 100

Best 2 year old and under 3 years,..... 80
Second best 2 year old and under 3 years,..... 60
Best 1 year old and under 2 years,,..... 75

Cows.

Best 3 year old and upwards ,.....$100
Second best 3 year old and upwards,..... 75
Best 2 year old and under 3 years,..... 75
Second best 2 year old and under 3 years,..... 50
Best 1 year old and under 2 years,..... 60

AYRESHIRES.

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H. M. NELSON, Millwood, Va.
E. SPENCER, Clarendon, O.
JOHN McGAVOCK, Franklin, Tenn.
JAMES DUGALL, Windsor, C. W.

PREMIUMS.

Bulls.

Best 3 year old and upwards,.....$100
Second best 3 year old and upwards,..... 75
Best 2 year old and under three years,..... 80
Second best 2 year old and under 3 years,..... 60
Best 1 year old and under 2 years,..... 75

Cows.

Best 3 year old and upwards,..... 100
Second best three year old and upwards,..... 75
Best 2 year old and under 3 years,..... 75
Second best 2 year old and under 3 years,..... 50
Best 1 year old and under 2 years,..... 60

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J. MURRAY BACON, Jerseyville, Ill.
J. C. HOLMES, Detroit, Mich.
A. C. INGHAM, Madison, Wis.

PREMIUMS.

Bulls.

Best 3 year old and upwards, ... $100
Best 2 year old and under 3 years, ... 80
Best 1 year old and under 2 years,..... 75

Cows.

Best 3 year old and upwards,..... 100
Best 2 year old and under 3 years ,..... 75
Best 1 year old and under 2 years, ... 60

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TRAIN CALDWELL, Bentonville, Ind.
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JOSIAH HINKLE, Keokuk, Iowa.
JOHN STARKWEATHER, Ypsilanti, Mich.

PREMIUMS.

Best single yoke of work oxen,..... $50
Best fat bullock,..... 50
Best fat cow,..... 50
Best milch cow,..... 50
Best Steer,..... 50
Best bull calf under 1 year, of any breed,..... 50
Best heifer under 1 year, of any breed,..... 50
Discretionary premiums for other breeds or grade stock,..... 200